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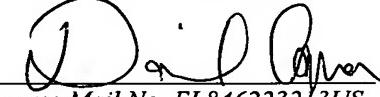
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants through counsel herewith submit copies of the publications as set forth in the attached form PTO-1449 as follows:

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>DOCUMENT NO.</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
7-86036	Japan	Mar. 31, 1995
7-86035	Japan	Mar. 31, 1995
9-115729	Japan	May 2, 1997

The above-listed references were cited in an International Search Report dated February 17, 2000 (copy of search report enclosed).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application.

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